

FROM THE FATHER'S HEART

Dearly Beloved,

TAKE HEED TO SIMPLE WISDOM!

Ephesians 5:22-24

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.”

To “submit” means to “yield” If the word “submit” is substituted for “yield” this verse takes a new colour. In verse 22, God starts with the weak point by giving an instruction to the wife. We must understand that we are not going to get into solutions in marriage as long as women are taking a wrong position on marriage. God says the wife should submit to her husband. Whatever the challenge facing a marriage, if this point is adhered to, the marriage will succeed. Wives must come to a place of submission in their marriage. And every woman can do it because God will never give you a commandment in an area that you cannot perform it. In I John 5:3, we are shown that the commandments of the Lord are not grievous. God's commandments are always in an area where one has the capacity to obey.

If wives do not have the capacity to obey an instruction, God will never give them such an order. Thus, if God says a woman should be submissive to her husband, it means she can. God never said the husband should submit to his wife and if a man is the one submitting to his wife, he is breaking the marriage arrangement as designed by God. The instructions of God to us are very plain. Submission is not a position of inferiority. It is a position of equality.

Ephesians 5:25

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it”

As in the book of Malachi 2:15-18, here again in this verse, God is speaking to husbands. God gives instructions to people in the area where they have the most tendency to go out of line. The instructions God gave to husbands and wives are very key foundational principles to build a powerful home on earth. The man is commanded to “love” while the woman is commanded to “submit”.

Here is a basic guide to a tension-free home: whenever there is any tension in the home: wife yield, husband love. If married people can work this principle with themselves, they will solve most problems. And it must be observed that the two commandments are not mutually dependent on each other. God neither said the wife should submit to her husband if he loves her, nor did He say the husband should love his wife if she submits. He just tells you how the submission that will make marriage work must be: “Wives, submit to your husband as the church is unto Christ in all things; husbands, love your wife as Christ loves the church and gave Himself for it”. We must learn to obey our instructions correctly. The man is commanded to love while the woman is commanded to yield to the husband as the head.

Till next week, go and win with Jesus.

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